



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, May 5th, 2008 will mark the 18th annual observance of the International Day of the Midwife in over 50 nations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, midwives have throughout time and in all nations provided maternity care to mothers and babies; and

WHEREAS, here in Idaho, today as in times past, midwives are caring for women and babies in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, midwives care for women throughout their lifespan, providing maternity care, breastfeeding counseling, family planning information, and well-women care; and

WHEREAS, midwives make a strong contribution to the health and well-being of mothers and babies in the great state of Idaho;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim May 5th 2008 as

Idaho Midwives' Day

and encourage the people of Idaho to become better acquainted with the services offered by the midwives of our community and the contribution that they make to the families of Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE